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SUBJ: BRITISH ARMS SALES TO PRC

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1. WHILE BRIEFING ME ON CAMERON VISIT MAY 3, BRITISH CHARGE DAVIES EXPANDED SOMEWHAT ON FCO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY CORTAZZI'S REMARKS CONCERNING BRITISH ARMS SALES. DAVIES SAID THAT CAVEAT GIVEN CHINESE ON ARMS SALES (PARA 3 REFTTEL) WAS PROVIDED TO ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER (AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO LONDON) SUNG CHIH-KANG BY CORTAZZI. DAVIES SAID ALSO THAT IN ADDITION TO AN ARMY SHOW OF LAND WARFARE WEAPONS IN JUNE, AND THE FARNOBROUGH AIR SHOW IN SEPTEMBER, THE PRC WOULD BE INVITED TO SEND A GROUP TO VIEW A NAVAL WEAPONS EXHIBIT IN 1979. WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR A CHINESE MILITARY MEDICINE DELEGATION AND A MILITARY ACADEMIC GROUP SIMILAR TO THE ROYAL DEFENSE COLLEGE DELEGATION THAT HAD VISITED CHINA WOULD COME TO THE UK.

2. DAVIES ALSO SAID THAT THE CHINESE HAD REAFFIRMED
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THEIR INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF THE HARRIER DURING
THE VISIT.
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